

1 Please replace claim 8 with new claim 10.

2 Please add new claim 11.

3 Please enter claim 9 as follows,

- 4 9. A thatched umbrella which is openable and closable, which umbrella comprises:
- 5 (a) a continuously woven one-piece circular thatch, prepared on a jig having a
- 6 plurality of spaced radii, each of which radii has a series of uniformly spaced
- 7 guide pins along the length thereof, which guide pins serve to retain the thatch
- 8 material in place during the course of the circular weaving,
- 9 (b) an umbrella frame having a series of ribs, each of which is interconnected to a
- 10 strut, each of which struts is interconnected to a hub, said hub disposed upon a
- 11 pole,
- 12 (c) an umbrella canopy, having an exterior surface, overlaying and connected to said
- 13 frame,
- 14 said continuously woven one-piece circular thatch being disposed upon said
- 15 canopy's exterior surface, and being connected to said frame's ribs through said
- 16 canopy, and
- 17 (d) means for opening and closing said frame disposed on said pole.

18 Please enter amended claim 2 to read,

- 19 2. The device of claim 1 wherein the continuously woven one-piece circular thatch is
- 20 configured as an annulus.

21 [Please enter amended claim 3 to read,]

- 22 3. The device of claim 1 wherein the continuously woven one-piece circular thatch is
- 23 configured as a disk.

24 [Please enter claim 10 to read,]

- 25 10. The thatched umbrella of claim 1 wherein the umbrella canopy is made of acrylic fabric,
- 26 the circular one-piece woven thatch is configured as an annulus, and a finial is disposed
- 27 on the pole.

28 [Please enter claim 11 as follows,]

- 29 11. A thatched umbrella which is openable and closable on demand, which umbrella
- 30 comprises:

- 31 (a) continuously woven one-piece circular thatch,
- 32 (b) an umbrella frame having a series of radii, each of which is interconnected to a
- 33 strut, each of which struts is interconnected to a hub, said hub disposed upon a

- 1 pole,  
2 an umbrella fabric canopy having an exterior surface and an interior surface, the  
3 interior surface overlaying said frame, the canopy being connected to said frame,  
4 said continuously woven one-piece circular thatch being disposed upon said  
5 canopy's exterior surface,  
6 (d) means for opening along said from disposed in said pole, and  
7 (e) a finial disposed on the top of said pole.
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